

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-045-R - ORDER NO. 94-450 ✓
MAY 16, 1994

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric) ORDER DENYING
 & Gas Company for Adjustments in the) MOTION FOR
 Company's Coach Fares and Charges.) CONTINUANCE

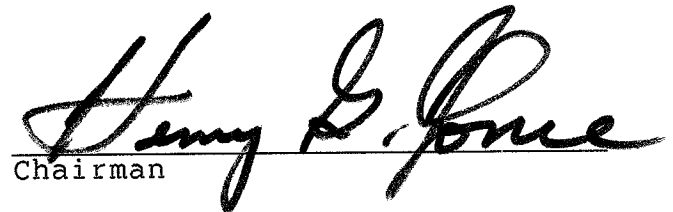
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the May 6, 1994 Motion for Continuance filed in the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's (SCE&G's or the Company's) transit case by Carl F. McIntosh, Attorney for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (the Consumer Advocate). The Motion alleges that SCE&G filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval of adjustments in the Company's Coach Fares and Charges, specifically that the Company is requesting that the Commission terminate the low-income fare program. According to the Notice of Filing and Hearing, a public hearing is scheduled to commence on May 31, 1994, in order that the Commission may receive testimony and evidence from all interested parties regarding the Application. The Consumer Advocate alleges that he filed his Petition to Intervene in order to become a party of record in the matter before the Commission on May 6, 1994.

Pursuant to our Regulation R.103-862, the Consumer Advocate now makes a Motion for a continuance of the hearing, in that the Consumer Advocate states that he will have approximately three weeks to prepare his case in a proceeding that could have a profound impact on SCE&G's transit patrons. The Consumer Advocate alleges that he does not have sufficient time to complete a full review of the Company's Application, conduct discovery, prepare, and pre-file testimony. Therefore, the Consumer Advocate alleges that it is necessary that the hearing scheduled for May 31, 1994, be delayed to give the Consumer Advocate adequate time to prepare his case.

The Commission believes that this Motion must be denied. Upon examination of the matter, it is clear that the Consumer Advocate was served by SCE&G with a copy of the Application in this Docket on April 4, 1994, and with copies of the Company's testimony on April 7, 1994. Therefore, the Commission believes the Consumer Advocate has had the relevant material in this Docket, and therefore, has had adequate time to begin the discovery process and to begin to prepare testimony for pre-filing purposes. The Commission does believe, however, that the Consumer

Advocate is entitled to expedited discovery on this matter, and therefore, grants same. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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